

Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Wednesday 28th May 2014 in Rushock Village Hall at 8.20pm

Present: Cllrs. L. McCurrich (Chairman), J. Nicholls, D. Cutler, J. Cutress, T. Green, T. Jennings, and G. Wilson, District Cllr S. Williams, Mrs. D. Cutress and the Clerk

The Chairman welcomed two new councilors, Jon Cutress and Tom Jennings

To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: District Cllr. P. Hayward and Mr. W. Waldron

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest. Completion of submission of Register of Interest forms to be completed by Councilors and returned to WFDC.

Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8.4.14 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere: Cllr Williams reported that a great deal of asbestos had been found at the Hoobrook Waste Site and if waste disposal there was to continue it would be at least the end of August before it would be re-opened.

Reports from District and County Councilors if Present: Cllr Williams reported that there was no overall majority at the recent elections of the District Council and there were 7 brand new councilors. The next meeting of the Council was 18th June when it was hoped that a minority administration could be formed.

Planning: Application No. 14/0141/FULL Two storey side extension at Fairview, Clattercut Lane, Rushock had been approved. A questionnaire as to whether Parish and Town Councils should benefit from Business Rates had been received through CALC. The Council receives no contribution from the Trading Estate and it was agreed that Cllr Cutler would contact S. Shaw and confirm their agreement with his view that Councils should benefit. A Worcestershire Redundant Building Grant leaflet which particularly applies to farm buildings was given to Cllr Jennings by Cllr McCurrich.

Highways: Cllr Nicholls reported that it had not been possible for the scalplings to be put on to the verges due to the bad weather. New Farm Lane would be done first followed by Park Lane. The root jetting company would be asked to visit the problematic sites again. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of a grant from the flood alleviation scheme to deal with flooding between Greyholme and the crossroads. Some work still needed to be carried out at Gabbs Farm. David Hunter had been contacted again about potholes in New Farm Lane. Online reporting is now encouraged and Cllr McCurrich would follow this up.

Footpaths: Cllr Green reported that a larger grant from the Parish Paths Partnership had been received this year. There had been some clearance of over cropping of some paths but now the wheat was causing difficult access which could result in the general public reporting problems.

Finance: The opening of the new bank account at Lloyds Bank was on the brink of being finalized and it was **Proposed** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded** Cllr McCurrich that all reserves be removed from the Co-op Bank to Lloyds.

Cheques: Cheques were signed for CALC £62.48 and Rushock PCC for £470.00

CALC and Other Meetings: Cllr McCurrich had spoken to Simon Jennings in relation to our commemoration of WW1 who was happy to have poppies planted around the bench. Cllr Green and Cllr Jennings would organize

this in the autumn. Cllr Green reported on the Area Meeting 10.4.14 which had dealt with electronic payments and the fact that CALC was struggling financially and could possibly have to amalgamate with another area. Cllrs Cutler and Green had attended the 10th Parish Conference and Cllr Cutler reported that the savings to be made by WCC in 2017 would have to be £70million and social care accounted for 60% of the budget. Hifi optic Broadband should be available by 2016. A bus service using a small vehicle 2/3 times per week was being considered. Cllr Green to attend next area meeting 17th June.

Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils: Minutes had been received from Elmbridge 12.3.14.

Emergency Plan: Cllr Cutress had attended the Emergency Planning Forum 16.4.14 which had dealt mainly with floods at Bewdley. He had a supply of sandbags if needed. Cllr Cutress agreed to do a write up in the Magazine on the example pack received from Western Power and it was agreed that this could be part of a raffle at a forthcoming event.

Localism Bill: The WFDC money allocated to Parishes had not been all taken up. Cllr Cutler advised that this did not really affect Rushock as we had no suitable projects for capital spending.

Communications with residents: A quote of £107.60 for 150 copies of the Rushock Parish Council Information and Community Emergency Plan had been received from Pace Printing and Design and it was agreed that this should be accepted and Cllr Green would update the leaflet and go ahead. It was agreed that all Rushock residents would receive a new leaflet.

Training: CALC were offering various training courses and Cllr Cutler expressed an interest in a planning training course if one became available. The Chairman again encouraged attendance.

Correspondence: There was nothing significant to report

Points for Information and Items for Future Agenda: There were none.

Date of Next Meetings: Wednesday 20th August 2014 at 7.30pm in Rushock Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Pauline Trimble
Clerk